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Honorable Assistant Secretary and  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicant in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each of the listed documents is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98.

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CONCISE EXPLANATION OF  
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

U.S. Patent No. 4,476,177 discloses a magnetic tape with a leader tape portion coated with a cleaning layer for cleaning the magnetic head, guide pole and rolls of a magnetic recording device.

SU 969556 discloses a composition containing a carboxyl-containing copolymer for removing stains from the surfaces of art works.

NL 7414461 discloses protecting or cleaning surfaces by coating them with a non-hardening synthetic material or a solution of the material and later removing the layer.

JP 58000799 discloses crating a radioactive tool with peelable paint and subsequently removing the paint to decontaminate the tool.

JP 59189200 discloses a method for cleaning a surface, e.g., glass plate, by applying an aqueous dispersion composition on the surface, drying the composition, and peeling off the composition together with staining material adhered to the surface.

JP 60170674 discloses a transparent paint containing a basic substance and a color indicating agent which can be easily stripped from the surface of the parts of an electric fan. The coloring agent permits one to discern already-coated areas. Once dried, the indicator vanishes and the film returns to a transparent or off-white color.

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FR 2634774 discloses a peelable paint composition to protect and clean surfaces. Specifically claimed are compositions which contain a neutron-absorbing agent for deactivating surfaces contaminated by radionuclides.

JP 60100098 discloses forming a peelable synthetic polymer film over a surface in contact with radioactive contaminants, peeling off the film with the radioactive substance, and incinerating the peeled film.

JP 57212267 discloses a rust preventing and cleaning paint prepared by incorporating a strippable paint with a reinforcing fibrous material, having improved rust-preventing effects.

Laurie discloses the use of tetrathiomolybdate(VI) salts as antidotes for acute intoxication by  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ .

Stine et al. discloses the use of DMPA to prevent arsenic intoxication.

Fine et al. discloses a test of the ability of two strippable coatings to clean and protect optical surfaces.

Jones discloses the use of the calcium salt of EDTPO as an effective antidote for acute intoxication of metal ions such as  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Be}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{UO}_2^{2+}$ .

It is believed that none of the foregoing citations anticipate or render obvious applicant's claims. These documents are being made of record solely out of an abundance of caution. English translations of the foreign documents are not readily available; however the absence of such translations do not


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relieve the Patent and Trademark Office from its duty to consider the submitted documents (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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